

Dolores Library District Special Board Meeting
January 27, 2026
Dolores Public Library Quiet Room

Call to Order: President Sandy Jumper called the special meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Correen Becher, Jeanne Becker, Gina Hernandez, Hassan Hourmanesh, and Emily Wisner

Board Members Absent: None

Director: Sean Gantt

Guests: Reporters Anna Watson and Gail Binkly; Hannah Carloni, staff member; and community members Val & Deanna Truelsen, Jonnie Ryan, Lee Hallberg, Holly Asher, and Mark L

Approval of Agenda: Emily asked to add a discussion of the Director's goals for 2026. It was agreed to discuss it at the regular board meeting on February 10. Jeanne made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gina seconded, and the motion carried upon a vote.

Public Comment: Deanna Truelsen commented on the dissension among the Board and the expense involved in hiring an attorney plus Sean's involvement in the community. Val Truelsen also expressed concerns about the Library engaging an attorney. Holly Asher thought the negative stuff was uncalled for and thanked Sean and the staff for how well the Library is being operated. Jonnie Ryan, long time resident and former school librarian, praised the children's and adult programming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommend New Trustees for Ratification by Town and School Boards: Sandy explained the process of recruiting, interviewing and recommending three new trustees to fill one vacancy and two soon-to-be vacant positions on the Board. The top three of five candidates were Lee Hallberg, Leah Burkett, and Belinda Platts. Jeanne moved that the three recommended candidates, Lee, Leah, and Belinda, be sent on to the School Board and the Town Board for ratification. Gina seconded. A discussion followed with each Board member expressing their opinions. Sandy called for a vote of the three recommended candidates. The vote carried.

Review Potential Changes to Board By-laws: Sandy explained one reason for engaging an attorney was to update the DLD Bylaws. Sandy asked for a motion to review and accept the suggested changes of the Bylaws presented by the attorney, which was made by Gina. Jeanne seconded, and a discussion followed. Sandy had asked at the previous meeting for trustees to send any changes they would like to see to her, and that she had not received any. Hassan said he had sent her a detailed email suggesting several changes. Sandy stated that she had not received any detailed email. Emily said Hassan had sent the summary to her at her request. He presented a sheet summarizing his ideas. No other trustee had had an opportunity to study his suggestions. Discussions were held regarding Articles III, IV, VII, and VIII. Approval of the Bylaw changes was tabled so the attorney could review the suggested changes.. Sandy asked for trustees to send her any changes they'd like to see in the Bylaws before she submits them to the attorney again. Some trustees asked for a copy of the summary of Hassan's suggestions. He expressed concern about sending it to more than one Board member. It was agreed he could send it to Sean who would send it to all Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Workplace Environment Process - Proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) and Contacts to Date: Sandy outlined the steps she has taken to find a company willing to do a Workplace Environment Study along with questions she has for them. Some suggestions were made to make the process go more smoothly. Emily made a motion to proceed with the RFP, Hassan seconded, and motion carried upon a vote.

IGA Proposed Changes: The Library's attorney and the Town's attorney have had some discussions regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement. A few changes were suggested. The Board agreed to clarify that the Library Board would make the recommendation to the Town and School Boards to remove a trustee from the Board. Upon Sandy's request, Gina made a motion to approve the IGA as presented with additional language, Jeanne seconded, and the motion carried upon a vote.

Proposed Topics for Regular Meeting: February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

- Review Job Descriptions
- Approve Audit Exemption
- Discuss Workplace Environment Study
- Review Executive Session Policy
- Discuss Executive Director's Goals for 2026

Adjourn: Sandy adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Prepared by Correen Becher, Secretary